

## TOWN OF DAYTON

### Board of Selectmen Workshop – Education Issues & Concerns

November 3, 2010

Present: Ted Poirier, Scott Littlefield, Angela Cushman, Jim Roberts

Others present: Skip Cushman

Ted Poirier opened the meeting at 18:45.

#### Business:

Skip Cushman, RSU Board member, provided feedback on the recent meeting held in Augusta with Jim Rier, Department of Education, Gary Connor, State House of Representative, Barry Hobbins, State Senator and himself.

ED279 – Computation of Unit Allocation to Fund Public Schools. From discussions with Jim Rier the calculation performed for the current year used the incorrect number of students for each town resulting in a higher contribution for the Town of Dayton. Action step: Angela Cushman to compose a letter to RSU asking to correct the current year's formula.

Law 20-A subsection 1465 – Addition of a school Administration Unit to an Existing Regional School Unit. This law allows a school administrative unit not originally a member of a RSU to be included in the regional school unit.

Law 20-A subsection 1466 – Withdrawal of a single municipality from a RSU. This law allows a town to withdraw but not until 2012-2013.

Law 20-A subsection 1467 – Transfer of a Municipality from one RSU to another. This law allows two RSUs to petition the commissioner by joint resolution to permit a municipality to transfer from one RSU to the other. This can take place anytime.

What would have been the penalty if Dayton did not join the RSU? \$70,736.00

There is currently a citizen's initiative occurring in Arundel to get out RSU21. This citizen's group has been in contact with both Ted Poirier and Skip Cushman to discuss possible options with the Town of Dayton. During Election Day this group will be surveying Arundel residents to see what residents want going forward for education. Currently, the law does not allow withdrawal from a RSU unless transferring to another RSU.

The Town of Dayton Selectmen sent a letter to Mike LaFortune, Superintendent RSU23, on October 12, 2010 requesting cost information and status of the RSU Board re-visiting the cost

sharing formula. The current formula used by RSU23 is not in line with most RSUs in the State.  
Action step: Angela Cushman to follow up on letter and to schedule Mike LaFortune to attend a future Selectmen's meeting.

If Arundel was to transfer to RSU23 then the RSU23 Board would be required to re-visit the cost sharing formula.

Meeting adjourned at 19:25.

*Prepared by: AMC*

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